GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIRCRAFT ACQUISITION COMMITTEE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aircraft Acquision Committee of the Ministry of Civil Aviation has in its meeting held on March 28, 2006 considered the issue of policy on transfer of airport infrastructure in case of merger/take over of Airlines;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action taken to implement the decisions taken by the said Committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Yes, Sir.

(b):- It has been decided that only the user rights over such infrastructure that are given to an airline on non-payment basis e.g. parking bays, landing slots etc. may be allowed to be used by the airlines that takes over the aircraft. For all other rights, the terms of lease/sale agreement between airport operator and airline will apply.

User rights may be allowed to be used by the airlines that takes over the aircraft only in respect of those rights, which are actually under use by the airline that transfers the aircraft. All other rights will be taken over by Government/airport operator.

The user rights will be available with the airlines that takes over the aircraft only till such time that the infrastructure concerned is under actual use.

(c):- The recommendations of Aircraft Acquisition Committee (AAC) have been accepted by the Government and the policy to be followed regarding use of Airport Infrastructure in case of merger/take over of airlines and sale/transfer of aircraft approved by competent authority has been published on the web-site of this Ministry for information of all concerned.